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The Office regrets the delay in responding to the status inquiries filed over the last two years. The Examiner was not made aware of these inquiries or the August 2007 information disclosure statement. He has attached an initialiaed information disclosure statement form and has made the full Japanese patent document of record. Note that the submitted document contained a complete translation but not a complete copy of the foreign patent.

The status of the present application should be, once this communication is mailed, "awaiting a decision for the Board of Interferences."

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Paul B. Prebilio whose telephone number is (571) 272-4758. He can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Isabella can be reached on 571-272-4749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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